

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

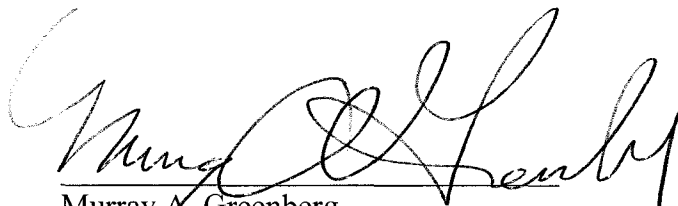
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 18, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging U.S.
Congress to Fully Fund the
Homeland Security Dept. and
U.S. Customs and Border
Protection to Ensure that MIA
Is fully Staffed to Quickly and
Effectively Process International
Passengers

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Chairman Joe A. Martinez.


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

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Approved	_____ Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11 (A) (3)
Veto	_____		10-18-05
Override	_____		

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION URGING U.S. CONGRESS TO FULLY
FUND THE HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT
AND U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO
ENSURE THAT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS
FULLY STAFFED TO QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY
PROCESS INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS**

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) is Miami-Dade County’s major economic engine that directly or indirectly provides more than 37,000 jobs and \$18 billion into the community; and

WHEREAS, MIA is undergoing a \$5.2 billion Capital Improvement Program that includes the construction, renovation and expansion of the Terminal; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, more than 7 million international passengers were processed at MIA; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the agency of the Department of Homeland Security that staffs the Federal Inspection Service Facilities and is responsible for processing international passengers; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Homeland Security, MIA is among the busiest airports in the United States for international passengers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (“GAO”) issued a report stating that the average wait time to process a planeload of international passengers at MIA is more than 45 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the GAO report further stated that 20% of flights at MIA exceed 60 minutes to process; and

WHEREAS, the long wait times being experienced by MIA's international passengers place MIA at a competitive disadvantage to other international gateway airports; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection can reduce wait times by fully staffing the passport control booths,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board urges the United States Congress to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure that Miami International Airport is fully staffed to quickly and effectively process international passengers.

Section 2. This Board directs the County's federal lobbyists to lobby Congress for additional funding for the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to increase the number of CBP officers at MIA and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the federal legislative package.

Section 3. This Board further directs the Clerk of the Board to forward copies of this Resolution to each member of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Henry N. Gillman

